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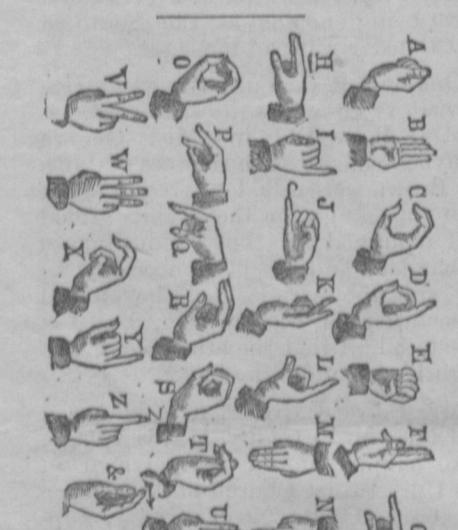
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## POETRY.

### DEAD AUGUST.

BY BENJ. F. TAYLOR.

I  
Died last night at twelve o'clock  
The richest month of all the year,  
Her belted grain in sheaf and shock,  
Like gold encampments far and near.  
The rose tree mourns in spider's crepe,  
At half-mast stands the hollyhock,  
The rock that five-leaved ivies draped  
Has dared to rob some prince of Tyre  
And wear his robe of purple fire.

II  
The lively locust's rattling watch  
Is always busy running down,  
The cricket sings its breathless catch,  
And sunflowers lift the yellow crown,  
As if a fairy graveyard lout  
Its slender bones to dance a mazurka,  
Cicada's knees and elbows bent,  
In flurries whirl, a crazy set,  
To click of Moorish castanet.

III  
Unto this August Time has told  
Down thirty perfect days in rhyme,  
Unsealed hours a minute old,  
A minute from the certain clime,  
With two full moons to shine the while,  
Twelve hours were silver, twelve were gold;  
Five Sabbath mornings' peaceful smile  
To light the radiant weeks along,  
With flush of leaf and flights of song.

IV  
Oh, Queen of Months, a splendid dower  
Was thine, and yet thou couldst not wait  
For all this wealth one little hour,  
But met inevitable fate!  
Broad leaves have hid all summer long  
A precious thing beside my gate;  
One after one each floral throng  
Had perished, but those leaves still kept  
Their secret as if something slept.

V  
A hand has put those leaves aside,  
Lo, August Lillies light the day!  
So fair, as if some angel died  
And took this monumental way;  
So pure, as if some singer sweet  
Had touched it with her lips and sighed,  
Because these chaliced lilies so fleet,  
Those dear Day Lillies, only last  
While each swift day is going past.  
And yet, why not? Why tarry here  
Till dark and drear November comes  
To play the Dead March on its drums  
Of sheet, and freeze the falling tear.

—Utica Herald.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1879.

STORE TEILER.

### THE BACHELOR'S WILL.

The sun of an August day was sending  
its golden shafts through the interlacing foliage overshadowing a limpid trout stream.

A young man was kneeling beside it,  
pole in hand ostensibly fishing, but  
the speckled denizens of the brook had  
but little cause for alarm. The cool  
brain and steady hand, so dangerous  
to their peace under ordinary circum-  
stances, were not really putting forth  
any efforts against them.

It was a handsome young face turned  
in such evident eagerness toward  
the faintly defined foot path leading  
through the woods of the sylvan spot.

The features were almost too regular  
for masculine ideas of beauty; but  
the firm way the red lips were set to-  
gether, and the massive chin redeemed  
them from weakness.

He started to his feet as the crackling  
of dried leaves and twigs betrayed  
an advancing footprint. Another mo-  
ment and a breathless young creature  
was beside him, panting from her rapid  
approach.

"I began to think you were not com-  
ing, Dot, and that my holiday was to  
prove a failure."

"It was by the merest accident that I  
got away. Father hardly trusts me  
out of his sight. But he was called off  
on unexpected business, and I've run  
every step. But, Phil, I can't promise  
to come again. I feel so guilty all the  
time—I can't do it, unless things  
change."

"Dot," began Phil, reproachfully.

"I know it's hard," continued the  
girl, "but I am as much the sufferer  
by it as you. Though, Phil," with a  
sudden intensity in her voice, "one  
thing I can do. I solemnly promise  
never to marry any one but I love,  
and that is—you know who."

"That is poor comfort, Dot. To  
know that the girl you would shed  
your heart's blood for can not even  
give you a kind word now and then to  
keep up your spirits! I shall half the  
time think you are forgetting me, and  
making up your mind to marry the  
man your father is so taken with."

"You are very different from the  
idea I have of you if you give way to  
such feeling. Why, Phil, all the  
people in the world could not make  
me believe you false if you had prom-  
ised to be true. But I must go. I  
just came to tell you—no matter what  
happens—that force could not drag me  
into a marriage with Oram Dinsmore,  
and to say 'good by' until we can meet  
as we used to, with the full consent of  
father."

"That will never be," was the gloomy  
answer. "It is 'good by' forever I'm  
sure. I wish that old cousin of yours  
had left his money to some one else.  
It has destroyed our happiness. Your  
father seemed to like me until that will

make you an heiress and Oram Dins-  
more began coming to the house.  
Much as he might have been taken  
with your looks, he'd never bothered  
his head about you unless there had  
been a prospect of adding to his pos-  
sessions. I know him of old, and he's  
as tight as the bark of a tree."

"Really, Phillip, you are compliment-  
ary. So money is the sum of my at-  
traction, is it?"

But there was no vexation in the  
eyes she turned upon his troubled face.  
Her was a true, truthful nature, and  
she understood her lover's meaning,  
though she tried to speak lightly and  
playfully, to prevent a painful parting  
scene. Tears were near her eyes but  
she forced them back. She must be  
strong for both. She held out her  
hand.

"Good by, Philip. Don't be dis-  
couraged; all will come out right yet."  
Philip took the little hand in his  
brown palm and gazed longingly into  
the sweet young face. Then he said:

"Won't you give me one parting  
kiss, Dot?"

"Yes, Philip, kiss me here," touching  
a slender finger to one of her soft  
cheeks, "and from this time that place  
shall be sacred from the touch of other  
lips until we meet again."

Philip kissed the cheek which flushed  
redly, at the touch of his lips. Dot  
was chary of permitting caresses, and  
though they had been fond of one another  
from their boy and girl days, Philip  
had never presumed to kiss her, unless when playing a game of forfeits  
in some merry, gatherings which are sometimes given in country neighbor-  
hoods for the double purpose of drawing  
the young people together and of helping  
the farmers to husk their corn, or get the rosy produce of the orchards  
into festoons of neatly pared and quar-  
tered apples to dry, on the principle  
that many hands and nimble fingers  
make light and pleasant work.

"Why," said Dot, "my name is Dorothy.  
Where have I heard that name? Oh, I know. I have the dearest  
old friend out West, and it's her  
story which that name has brought  
to my mind. Something happened to  
separate them when they were both  
very young, and she left all her friends  
and settled in the West. But she always  
remained single, and to this day is  
true to the memory of her old love.  
Bye, bye, her name is most the same as  
yours, only it's Dorothy Ingraham  
instead of Dot."

"Why," said Dot, "my name is Dorothy.  
They call me Dot for short."

"I wonder if you and Miss Ingraham  
are related to each other? I am quite  
sure that Jared Ingraham was her lover's name. If it was the same  
person doesn't it seem strange that he  
should have left his money to a young  
chit like you, begging your ladyship's  
pardon, instead of his faithful old  
love!"

Dot's face was a study as Kate rated  
on. It fairly shone.

"Kate," said she, "I see it all! I  
am an interloper. Isn't it nice? The  
will said, 'I give and bequeath to my  
dear cousin Dorothy Ingraham—that's  
all I can remember verbatim, but that's  
enough. All the law terms in the world  
wouldn't make it any plainer to me.  
We all thought it strange that he  
should have left it to me when he had  
never paid me the slightest attention  
when he was alive; but the lawyer said  
that to his knowledge there was no  
other person of that name, so I must be  
the one. Give me your friend's ad-  
dress, and I'll soon get to the bottom  
of the matter."

"I'll give it to you, of course, but  
first promise me not to say anything  
about it till you are sure."

"I will keep silent until you give me  
permission to speak," said Dot.

She wrote at once to the old lady,  
and in due time received a reply which  
confirmed her suspicions. So she im-  
mediately began to put things in train  
so Miss Ingraham should receive her  
rights.

A month had hardly gone by when,  
much to Dot's amusement, Mr. Dinsmore  
called and requested a private interview  
with her. She had noticed his growing  
fondness for Miss Belmont's society, and  
half suspected the denouement.

As she went into the room he rose  
to meet her, and for the first time Dot  
felt an emotion of sincere liking and  
respect enter her heart for him. Under  
the influence of genuine feeling he  
seemed a different person to the plan-  
sible, polished man of the world who  
had tried to palm off the semblance  
of love upon her during his unsatisfac-  
tory courtship.

"Miss Ingraham," he said, flushing as  
he spoke, "I have come to make a con-  
fession, and ask your forgiveness. Not  
for withdrawing my suit, for I know  
you have never even liked much less  
loved, the unworthy man who stands  
before you; but for persecuting you  
with my unwelcome attentions. Under  
the light which a genuine passion has  
shed upon my actions I see how con-  
temptible they have been, and I wish

to apologize to you, and make my peace  
before I dare to speak to the young  
lady I love of my desire to win her for  
my wife. Will you forgive me?"

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## The National Convention.

We publish several letters this week giving correspondents' opinions on some especial points in regard to the proposed national deaf-mute convention, to which we lack space to reply in this edition. Nothing serious preventing, we propose in next week's issue of the *Journal* to suggest to our readers our own opinion in regard to the subject under consideration. In the meantime we await the receipt of other correspondence relating to the convention.

## The Itemizer.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally, or to associations of deaf-mutes, or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer*.

Mr. JACQUES LOEW, a very prominent deaf-mute Hebrew of New York city, has joined the Manhattan Literary Association.

Rev. John Chamberlain, assistant rector of St. Ann's Church, New York, held services for deaf-mutes at St. Johnsbury, Vt., on the 1st ult.

CHARLES CRAVEN and Wells P. Hatch, of North Cohocton, N. Y., recently visited Henry Fessenden, of Naples, N. Y., and had a rich feast on grapes.

We are indebted to some unknown friend for copies of the *Northwest Iowa Land Journal* containing a section map of the northwestern portion of the State.

The Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes in New York city opened on the first Wednesday of September with 117 pupils. About 75 applicants were refused admission.

On the 16th of September Mr. M. Heyman, one of the most popular mutes of New York city, reached home from Boston, Mass., where he had a pleasant visit among the mutes for two or three days.

A writer says: "New York subscribers to the Leader are getting much disgusted with that obscene paper, and they have decided not to uphold it any longer after their subscriptions have expired."

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Grimm, of Detroit, has been admitted to the institution at Flint. For two or three years he has followed the occupation of newsboy, selling the *Evening News*, and succeeding remarkably well.

The landlord of the Madison House, Toledo, cautions the members of Mr. Tony Pastor's troupe to preserve the utmost decorum in the dining-room. The regular boarders thought that a deaf and dumb college had "struck" the house.—*Ex*.

One Cahill, a graduate of the New York Institution, who has figured in the police courts of Detroit, and served a term in the workhouse, is reported to have drowned himself in Detroit River a few days ago. He was a boiler-maker by trade.

We are in receipt of grape-box labels, of various designs, which are very fine in appearance. The printing was done by Mr. Henry Fessenden, of Naples, N. Y., who does a large amount of that kind of work for grape growers in the grape region of Western New York, and is very handsomely executed.

On the 17th and 18th ult. George F. Cutler, of Sutton Vt., and Frank Bigelow, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., attended a county fair at the latter place. From St. Johnsbury Mr. Cutler went to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James S. Meacham at Guilford, Vt.

J. H. BARRETT, one of our schoolmates at the New York Institution, once a mail agent on a railroad in this state, at one time a teacher in the Louisiana Institution, and now a resident of Batavia, La., recently visited his aged mother at Canton, N. Y., and has returned home.

The 30,000 deaf-mutes in the United States have for their accommodation fifty places of worship, where services are conducted in the sign-language. They owe this blessing to the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, of which Rev. Thomas Galland, of New York city, is manager.

EDWARD C. OULD, of Thomaston, Conn., says: "I don't know when my subscription for your paper will expire, but I think that it may expire this month. As your paper is good, and I like it very much, I will send enclosed \$1.50 for another year. That it is in the road to prosperity is my earnest wish."

Rev. A. W. MANN attended the consecration services at St. Paul's Church, Detroit, on Wednesday, September 17th, when the Rev. S. S. Harris, D. D., LL. D., was consecrated to the Episcopate of Michigan. Bishop Harris was for four years rector of St. James' Church, Chicago, where Rev. Mr. Mann had held services. From Detroit Mr. Mann went to Flint, thence to Jackson and Detroit, holding services at each place.

The hearty thanks of ourself, family and others who sampled them are due Mr. Henry Fessenden, of Naples, N. Y., for a 20-pound box of delicious grapes, consisting of the following varieties: Iona, Isabell, Salom, Catawba, Diana, Delaware, and Rebecca. Mr. Fessenden informs us that the Salom, Delaware, and Rebecca are very dear, bringing from 9 to 12 cents a pound.

Miss PHOEBE WRIGHT, for four years a very capable teacher in the Michigan Institution, has gone to the Pacific coast, partly on account of ill-health, but more especially to occupy a position as teacher in the California Institution at a much larger salary than she had in Michigan.

The *Mirror* office is well stocked with pupil-papers.

MATCH games of base-ball prevail at the West Virginia Institution.

IMPORTANT improvements have been made at the Michigan Institution during vacation.

WIND, lightning, and borers have made havoc with shade trees at the Michigan Institution.

SEVERAL pupils who did not go to school last year have re-entered the Michigan Institution.

MISS ELBERTINE M. BOLR is a compositor on the *Huron County News*, published by W. F. Clark.

THE *Tablet*, of the West Virginia Institution, has again made its appearance, after its summer vacation.

BETWEEN fifty and sixty volumes have lately been added to the library of the West Virginia Institution.

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## Correspondence.

### A GOOD LETTER FROM REV. DR. T. GALLAUDET.

No. 9 WEST EIGHTEENTH STREET, }  
New York, Sept. 26, 1879.

My Dear Mr. Rider:—I see our deaf-mute friends in Saco, Me., are expecting Mr. Job Turner on Sunday, October 12th. There is some misunderstanding about this, for I know that he has arranged to be in Boston on that day to officiate for me in the morning and to hold our monthly service in St. Paul's Church at 3 p.m. I think he will be in Salem in the evening.

I congratulate you and my other friends in Mexico and its vicinity on the formation of the Ontario Literary Club. I trust that I may before long have the privilege of attending one of its meetings.

The pupils this year were a little later coming to time than usual, a fact easily accounted for, as the Cincinnati Exposition was opened to the public on the same day that school began here, and, as the attractions of such an affair are of an imposing character, it was natural that the mutes of that city would remain behind to see how the thing went through. There were registered on the evening of the opening day 296 pupils, 170 boys and 126 girls, of whom 19 were new pupils. Up to date, September 19th, 372 have arrived altogether, boys 212 and girls 160, of whom 25 are new pupils. At the rate additional pupils are coming in it will not be long ere the average number—425—will be in attendance.

During vacation the following changes in the domestic department of the institution occurred: Mrs. Mary A. Kidder, who for some years past creditably discharged the duties of housekeeper, resigned her position, and Mrs. Susan Buckland, of Mt. Vernon, O., has been appointed to supply her place. Mrs. Mary Syler, since 1876 one of the assistant matrons, in which capacity she has discharged her duties with zeal and efficiency, also tendered her resignation, to which vacancy Miss Mary High, for the past year acting as nurse on the boys' side of the house, succeeds. Her position was tendered to and accepted by Miss Augusta Boalt, of Norwalk, O.

Among the teachers two vacancies have occurred, one by the death of Mrs. Sarah H. Perry, near the close of the last school term, and the other by the resignation of Miss Fannie L. Howells, who since last November has taught the articulation class. Miss Minnie Hyde, a graduate of the Granville Female Seminary and a sister of Mrs. George W. Ball, a former teacher in the institution, and Miss Bettie Allen, daughter of Governor Bishop's executive clerk, have been appointed to the respective positions. Miss Harriet Dare and Miss Kate Millikan have not as yet returned to assume their duties as teachers, both being detained at home by sickness, but are expected by October. The

### IMPROVEMENTS

during the past vacation, while not very extensive, have, nevertheless, been much needed, and will add materially to the comfort and convenience of the household. About 1,500 feet of water pipe was laid along the front and rear portions of the building, and connected with those of the city water works, in order to secure better protection against fire. The old concrete walks around the base of the building, which had pretty well worn out, were taken up and sod put down in their place. Flower beds were laid out at different points of the grounds and planted with a variety of plants which, just at this time, render the grounds, perhaps, among the most attractive in the city. Brick walks were put down at convenient places, leading from the doors of the building to the shops and engine house. The benches extending around the front to the east and west doors were painted, also the railing around the fountain and the lamp posts on the grounds. In the interior of the building, aside of the ordinary cleaning up and patching, no changes were made.

Two new hand hose-carts have been purchased, and it is intended to drill a company of pupils in the handling of them. These machines will be of service, not only in case of a fire breaking out in the institution, but also in watering the grounds during drought, such as were experienced the past summer, where in many places vegetation was entirely killed.

The institution last night and to-night was left entirely without illumination except such as could be supplied by the use of candles; it was caused by the gas works, at the penitentiary, from whence this and other State institutions in the city are supplied, failing to work. A good deal of just complaint has been made concerning the poor quality and quantity of gas that is furnished to the institutions, but for some reasons unknown, the powers that be either cannot or will not remedy the defect. The nuisance last winter became so intolerable that even members of the legislature couldn't bear up under it, and sent a small committee down to the penitentiary to smelt out the cause of the trouble, but their labor proved fruitless. The next legislature will have the chance to go on a similar expedition, unless the fault at the gas works is speedily removed.

The danger and inconvenience at which the institutions are put in cases of this kind are entirely too great to be slighted. A breaking out of a fire just at a time when a building of such large proportions, and occupied by nearly five hundred beings, is in total darkness would cause great destruction of life in the confusion that would necessarily follow.

COLUMBUS.

In some of the best American districts, wheat is fifty per cent. higher than one year ago.

Judging from the tone of her letter, she did. So she thinks some evil spirit had possession of me while I was writing my first article? If that was the case it was a very unobtrusive spirit, for I was not at all aware of its presence. It certainly was not the demon of despair, for I never was in better spirits than at the time of writing. Now was I suffering from rejected love, for I am not in the habit of giving my love freely, and when I do it is rarely rejected.

She also says that I am "wanting a student," and that I took their part in order to get into their good graces. Well, really, this is news to me. I was not aware that I particularly desired the students, much less that I took sides with them in order to make them think favorably of me. I disagreed with "Deaf and Dumb Girl" and "Wisconsin Girl Graduates" simply because I thought they were wrong in their judgment of the students. As for my wanting to save them from her clutches, I do not think they need my services at present, and it is my opinion that when they get into the clutches of a virago they will be able to rid themselves of her without any aid from outsiders.

If "Deaf and Dumb Girl" wants to find out whether I am a boy or a girl she can do so by reading my last article. If she is desirous of keeping her real name a secret she is welcome to do so. I am not at all anxious to know it.

I noticed that the readers of the Journal are getting tired of seeing so much about this subject in the papers, and I do not blame them. Pray, let us stop this useless controversy, for there has been enough said.

Yours sincerely,  
THOMAS GALLAUDET.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—At last, after weeks of discussion, when I feared that it would all end as it began, in talk, you have come out with a plan for the speedy organization of the national deaf-mute convention; and now it only remains to be seen if that plan is satisfactory to the majority of those for whose benefit the convention is to be held. As for myself, although I agree with you on several points, I can not help differing from you on the most important point of all, viz.: the place where the convention is to be held. But of that anon.

Your view of the convention as an organization independent of the principals and teachers is sound, and finds an echo in the minds of all who have any regard for the good of the many rather than that of the few. The convention is for the benefit of the deaf-mutes as a whole, not for any particular clique or organization. Let the motto of the convention forever be "the greatest good of the greatest number."

As to placing yourself at the head of affairs, it is only right, in my opinion, that you should do so. Having, as you say, been the first to set the ball in motion, who else would have the motive to see it to the end? But there is another and better reason why you should take charge of the matter yourself. By the rules of custom or etiquette, the one who makes the first move for the adoption of any new idea is entitled to take a hand in it.

Your plan for the appointment of a local committee and that of empowering the chairman to appoint a committee of five reputable, intelligent deaf-mutes from various parts of the country to draft a constitution and by-laws for the association seems to me as simple as it is good, and ought to be endorsed by every one. I have carefully read all that was said in favor of holding the first convention at Syracuse and must confess that the advantages of that city in railroad communications are superior to many others in the Union; but, in looking for a place where the convention is to be held, the fact must be borne in mind that, as the convention is to be a national one, it should be made easy of access to deaf-mutes from every part of the Union. The idea that the many in one small section of the country could enjoy the convention at the expense of the few from other sections ought not to be allowed to have any weight, for in that case the gathering cannot be called a national convention, but only a State convention.

I admit the force of the suggestion that New York is the centre of the deaf-mute population of the country; but in a national convention we do not want a hundred or two hundred from any single State and only 25 or 30 from all the rest combined and none at all from many. What we want is representation from as many different States as possible to make it national in character, and that can only be secured by holding it in some place near the centre of population easily accessible by rail and water.

By all means, Mr. Editor, appoint a committee national in character (not local,) of which you shall be chairman, but do not be in such a hurry to name Syracuse or any other place for holding the convention unless you want to kill the movement as dead as Julius Caesar.

R. P. McGREGOR  
Cincinnati, O., Sept. 23, 1879.

### "MINNEHAHA" WINNING UP "DEAF AND DUMB GIRL'S" ARGUMENT.

COMING TO THE SENSIBLE CONCLUSION THAT (MORE THAN) ENOUGH HAS BEEN SAID UP ON THE SUBJECT.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—I wish to return thanks to "Deaf and Dumb Girl" for the "taffy" which she dispensed so liberally through the columns of your last issue. She wants to know why, if she really wanted a student, did not she offer herself to "Rambling Sop" or "Student." In reply I would say that perhaps she had some doubts concerning the warmth of the reception she would receive at their hands, or perhaps she could not master sufficient courage. It does not stand to reason that, because she did not offer herself, she is not to be had by them for the asking.

She says she did not make any remarks against deaf-mute boys marrying hearing ladies, but that she reproached them for turning up their noses at deaf-mute girls. Oh, that was it, was it? But did she not take offense at them for preferring hearing ladies to her own "misfortunate sex?"

from the East, South, and West to Cincinnati.

As the above is only an expression of my opinion it may be taken for what it is worth. If there are any others who think the same as I do, let them write to the Journal, so that we may know the general desire of the deaf-mutes all over the country. On the other hand, if it is finally decided to hold the convention at Syracuse, rather than make trouble, I will accept it as final, and attend the convention wherever it is held, and I would advise others to do the same. If the convention is not held in Cincinnati next year, it may be next time.

HENRY WHITE of Boston, Mass.

### NOTES FROM PROF. JOB TURNER.

FITCHBURG, Mass., Sept. 24, 1879.

MY DEAR MR. RIDER:—I see our deaf-mute friends in Saco, Me., are expecting Mr. Job Turner on Sunday, October 12th. There is some misunderstanding about this, for I know that he has arranged to be in Boston on that day to officiate for me in the morning and to hold our monthly service in St. Paul's Church at 3 p.m. I think he will be in Salem in the evening.

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I hope the circulation of the Journal is steadily increasing. It has my earnest prayers and best wishes for its success. Again I ask all who are on its free list, in consequence of the kind appropriation of our State Legislature, to try to become paying subscribers (only \$1.50 a year) so that the recent graduates of the various New York Institutions may take their places.

I find that persons are often in trouble about sending the fifty cents, as they cannot put silver in a letter. Let me suggest that they can send either one dollar for eight months or two dollars for one year and four months.

The prospects of a national convention of deaf-mutes seem to brighten. Let us try to encourage our deaf-mute friends throughout the country to aim at a high standard of character.

Yours sincerely,  
THOMAS GALLAUDET.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—I have been reading the articles in your paper on the proposed national convention, and have had the curiosity to note the various places proposed by your correspondents at which to hold it. A great many, while they favor it, express no preference as to place; but of those who have expressed a decided preference, from the 7th of August to the 18th of September inclusive, two writing from Chicago, Ill., one from Louisville, Ky., one from Florida, one from North Carolina, one from Louisiana, and one from Massachusetts—total 7—prefer some place in Ohio, and all but one, who mentions Toledo, O., prefer Cincinnati. One from Kentucky suggests St. Louis, another from Florida suggests New York city, one from New Hampshire mentions Hartford. You say Syracuse, N. Y., while some fool, afraid to give his name, but signing himself "W." in your last issue thus delivers himself: "Say what you will, and do what you can, if a national convention of our class takes place it will be held in the Empire State."

While only one outside of New York has named that State, the majority of your correspondents who have spoken out prefer Ohio as most centrally located and most convenient of access to the majority of mutes in the various States. No one person in Ohio has suggested his State, while New Yorkers are shouting New York! New York!!

Were I an enemy to such a convention I could desire nothing better than to have it in New York after such exposures as quoted above, for I should be certain that some other fools will suggest St. Louis, another from Florida, suggests New York city, one from New Hampshire mentions Hartford. You say Syracuse, N. Y., while some fool, afraid to give his name, but signing himself "W." in your last issue thus delivers himself: "Say what you will, and do what you can, if a national convention of our class takes place it will be held in the Empire State."

Editor Bond is a stranger to me, but his little paper has come to me three times; but don't let him send it to me again. Do not forget to tell Bond: "We will speak evil of no one." Let us do good unto all men; be loyal; speak no evil; be kind and gentle; do good to others. Let us keep our railroad bridge strong for your paper to go over the world, but the Leader may go through the weak bridge, and no matter if it falls into the river. I would say, as did Horace Greeley, "Young man, go west." Bond must follow the example, and go west.

I shall hold a service in Norwich, Conn., next Sunday.

Yours sincerely,  
JOB TURNER.

### A LETTER FROM NORTHWESTERN IOWA.

EAST ORANGE, Ia., Sept. 21, 1879.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—I have been confined to my room in the Wyatt House here for seven weeks, and got up from bed and commenced to go out for fresh air last Tuesday. I am getting better every day, but I feel weak.

I have had a good ride through several towns with Mr. Wyatt during the past few days. I have bought three lots at Rock Valley, and will settle down there in the spring.

I have been living in Sioux county for a year and a half, and I must say that I think it is the best part of the county that I have seen. The part I write of is in the town of Rock Valley. We have one of the finest and best rivers in Northwestern Iowa in this county. Its name is Rock River, and it is beautiful.

Any one desiring a good lot, or a good and cheap farm, can obtain one in this locality, and had better buy one before the prices are higher. Land can be purchased for from \$3.50 to \$6, and improved stock farms for \$8 per acre. Rock Valley wants a foundry, carding factory, blacksmith shop, tailoring shop, and other business. Rock Valley will be the largest and finest town in Northwestern Iowa in a year or two.

I was informed that George Barrett, of Sheldon, went to school at Council Bluffs last Wednesday.

I send you three circulars of Northwestern Iowa with maps, and have marked where Rock Valley is.

I hope you enjoy yourself well.

My JOURNAL comes to me regularly, and my friend brings my weekly papers, that are addressed to Pattersonville, Saturdays and Wednesdays.

I shall go back to Pattersonville in a few days.

GEORGE W. EVANS.

### A LETTER FROM REV. J. R. BOWLER.

BATH, Me., Sept. 22, 1879.

H. C. RIDER—DEAR SIR:—The annual subscription of my son Albert O. Bowler of Rockland, Me., expires the 27th inst., as per your receipt of last year. Enclosed please find a post-office money order for \$1.50 to renew his subscription.

### CANADIAN ITEMS.

PRINCIPAL PALMER, OF THE ONTARIO INSTITUTION, RUINED BY HIS DEVOTION TO THE WHISKEY BOTTLE.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 23, 1879.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Mr. Widl, principal of the Mackay Institution for Deaf-Mutes, Montreal, was in Toronto last month, and addressed the deaf-mutes in their chapel. He has many friends here, and likes the town much. He went back to Montreal to reopen his school on the 1st inst.

A new teacher of articulation has been engaged at the Mackay Institution from Boston, Mass. Her name is Miss Littlefield. She has been trained under Professor Bell.

There have been many strangers here about the Ontario Institution at Belleville. Great dissatisfaction has been expressed at its management. Dr. Palmer, once the most popular man in Ontario, has been dismissed, and another gentleman, named Mathison, of Brantford, has succeeded him *pro tempore*. Mrs. Palmer, his excellent wife, left him just previous to his dismissal, as also did his sons. The bottle is at the bottom of Dr. Palmer's fall, and he is now the most unpopular man in Ontario. It is to be hoped that, for the sake of the poor deaf-mutes in Canada, and the United States, Dr. P. will retire into obscurity. He has lost a position worth \$1,800, with a fine residence, fuel, provisions, and attendance, all through leading a dissipated life! A sad warning to all to avoid drink.

In my next letter I shall be able to send you more news. Mr. Job Turner is coming to Canada next month, and will call on Principal Widdl. I leave for Montreal to-night, and will write to you from there. TORONTO.

### Deaf-Mute Girls Ought to Marry Among Their Own Class.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—It is not a good rule for deaf-mute girls to marry hearing gentlemen. They ought to marry among their own class or else remain old maids. The reason that I present are that when a deaf-mute lady marries a hearing gentleman their love soon grows less and less, whether the gentleman stands high or low, with rare exceptions. As a general rule such men are brought up in social life; so much so that they will continue to mingle in society. When such a man marries a deaf-mute lady, and finds out that his wife is incapable of moving as easily as himself among the gay circles, imagine his feelings. There are almost always some women wicked enough to steal his heart from his first love by their charms. She pities his deaf wife in terms that makes him feel awkward and diminishes his former love.

I shall hold a service in Norwich, Conn., next Sunday.

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN TURNER.

### One thing is certain, and that is, a deaf-mute lady can never be a reigning queen in gay society, in the ballroom, or at a reception. Surely she is alone among the brilliant and talented hearing people, and very few take the trouble to write to her. Hearing men are fond of seeing their wives shine in society, the pride of their hearts.

Girls, don't marry a preacher or teacher who can hear, except in rare cases. I learned from a friend, who vouchsafed the truth, that a hearing minister married a talented deaf-mute lady, a widow of a former teacher in Pennsylvania. From her she learned that they were tired of each other, and she thought it much better to marry among her own class. Their grown-up daughters mingled in society. Their father encouraged them and took them to parties, leaving their deaf-mute mother to do all the drudgery in the kitchen. I know of other cases, but it is needless to go into details.

No doubt there are a few cases where a hearing man and his deaf wife live in peace and happiness, but I fear such cases are rare. So girls, marry none but those of your own class, who can sympathize with you in love, taste, feeling, and spirit, and you will live more happily, and in harmony with each other.

In life's last fitful hours,  
Among the summer flowers,  
Weave in a glorious future,  
A soul's dumb aching pain.  
Thus a woman's life is bounded  
By the humble, daily task,  
Makely taking up her burden,  
Pain-ning not to strive or ask.  
Oh! how many hearts beside us,  
Were not so worldly wise,  
Might we see in gentle moments  
Looking out from wistful eyes.  
And how often do we listen,  
Neath a gay and laughing tone,  
Could we hear the bitter longing,  
Or a strong heart's restless moan.

PEARL.

MR. RIDER:—It seems that several readers of the JOURNAL do not understand all that is written about grapes, which grow in the vineyards, in which our grape-growers are always greatly interested

# DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL.

MEXICO, N. Y., THURSDAY, OCT. 2, 1879.

HENRY C. RIDER, Editor and Proprietor.

## THE OHIO RE-UNION.

DEAR RIDER:—On Friday morning, August 22d, upon our arrival in the city of Columbus we met three mates just outside of the Union depot, on the way to North High street. We, six in number, enjoyed an opportunity of riding in a fine, large vehicle at the low fare of five cents, as does every person in a street car from a half-mile to five miles. Finding nobody on the inviting portico we approached the noble institution for deaf-mutes, and, after entering the main entrance, we came up to quite a small number of *alumni* in the reception room. Graduates one after another were called upon by Secretary Struble to become members of the Ohio Deaf-Mute Alumni Association by paying one dollar promptly, after which they, to whom rooms were assigned, seemed to acquiesce in the satisfaction of having one of the best of arrangements. Other persons, not graduates of the Ohio Institution, were admitted to witness the proceedings of the convention, but no board nor lodging was allowed them.

In the archway, above the main entrance, the word "Welcome," in large gilt letters, attracted the eye of every comer. The letters "O. D. M. A. A." were the initials of the association's name. Next was a half-circle indicating how long the institution has existed. The "1829" on the lower left hand corner indicated the year when the institution was founded, and in the opposite corner was "1879," the present year. These decorations were interwoven with evergreens and surrounded with the national emblems.

The long-looked-for fourth meeting of the association has been and gone. It was a considerable success in every way, and to all attending a most enjoyable affair. All day many of those attending kept pouring in in a steady stream until after midnight there was quite a goodly company present, numbering one hundred and ninety-three members, including about fifty invited guests. Among the distinguished visitors were Rev. Dr. Gallaudet and wife, Rev. A. W. Mann, Miss Grace Smith, Mr. Gilbert Hicks, of Old Westbury, N. Y., Miss N. S. Hatt, a teacher in the Indiana Deaf and Dumb Institution, and five other guests, from Pennsylvania. I noticed the absence of many in attendance upon our former re-union, who regretted their inability to be present owing to hard times, and who proposed not to attend the fourth meeting on account of some disturbance.

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the association was called to order in the beautifully ornamental chapel of the institution, Professor D. H. Carroll in the chair. After an impressive and fervent prayer by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, Mr. Gilbert O. Fay delivered an excellent address of welcome in an acceptable and satisfactory manner, to which President Carroll responded, congratulating our board of trustees and Mr. Fay for their expressed wishes to extend to the members the hospitalities of the house during the three days' session. The reports of the secretary and the treasurer were concise, the latter of whom was recommended as honest, faithful, and competent, but most of the members had before known what was deficient in the treasury. Those who were one by one introduced and delivered short but interesting addresses were Dr. Gallaudet, Rev. A. W. Mann, and Messrs. Freeman, Parker, and Berry.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the convention re-assembled, was called to order by the President, and Superintendent Fay delivered an able, eloquent, and interesting oration on the occasion of the semi-centennial anniversary of the institution, Dr. Byers reading the manuscript for the benefit of the speaking audience. His oration was an eloquent and proper tribute to the character and achievements of the institution. It is needless for me to write the proceedings of the convention on Saturday, August 23d, as they appeared in a late issue of your paper.

Two sisters, one of them married late of years, whose parents are very wealthy, having one of the largest farms, attended the convention, but declined the proffered generosity and liberality in becoming members of the association. Outside of the walls of the institution, where they were respectively four and ten years educated, they boarded free of charge with a married couple, both deaf-mutes, too liberal in so doing.

The president of the association, Mr. David H. Carroll, whose good example the new president should follow, was an able and competent officer, well qualified to preside over the convention's sessions. He was spoken of in terms of the highest praise for his efficient and untiring manner. The work almost entirely devolved upon him, for he was prompt in accomplishing everything to the satisfaction of all concerned.

On Sunday evening there were seated in the magnificent library of the institution several members, interested in the topic of conversation. A deaf and dumb woman, with spectacles, on her nose told her husband that she desired to puzzle any of the members in a laughable manner. Soon after this she made rude signs by revolving her fingers in front of her face, like a lunatic, and then asked me what that meant. The answer was that such signs looked very imperfect and awkward, which brought forth laughter.

The executive committee appointed by the president consists of the following persons, all residing in Columbus, which is one of the requirements of the constitution as amended in the morning session: Messrs. J. M. Park, Robert Patterson, and Matthew H. Raffington. After the transaction of some minor business the association adjourned sine die.

At the farewell meeting in the evening Governor Bishop was present and occupied a seat upon the stage, as did also a number of the oldest graduates present, to whom his Excellency was introduced. Although unable to express to them orally his gratification at meeting them, yet the kindly smile upon his countenance was readily understood by them.

The president of the association, Mr. R. P. McGregor, then addressed the Governor in pantomime, which was interpreted to him by superintendent Fay. The Governor responded in a few well-timed remarks, after which some of the older members made speeches referring to their early school-life. Dr. Byers also addressed the association, followed by Mr. Fay, who expressed his pleasure at the successful meeting they had had, and hoped they would all safely return home.

Benediction was offered by Dr. Byers, and the members filed out of the chapel, each shaking hands with the Governor. Refreshments were then served, and the remainder of the evening spent in social discourse.

The members will return home this morning. The meeting was a success in every way, the credit of which is due to the untiring efforts of the officers of the institution and the committee of arrangements.

The executive committee have appointed Mr. George W. Chase orator for the next re-union, with S. M. Freeman as alternate.

Governor Bishop seemed much pleased with the articles brought for the exposition.

The next re-union will be held three years hence." Yours truly,

GEORGE W. CHASE.  
Westerville, O., Sept. 18, 1879.

## SOME VISITING AND A BIBLE-CLASS.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Allow me a few lines in your favorable paper for your readers.

Last Saturday night I left Worcester for Clinton to visit some deaf-mute friends, Misses N. B. and M. Reekie, who are a couple of very polite ladies, and are well known everywhere they have been as real kind-hearted. On my arrival I was surprised to fall into a party of their speaking friends, who are also all nice folks. I much enjoyed the evening until it was time for them to go home.

On Sunday morning we took a nice long walk up to Miss Gilpatrick's home in South Lancaster. We met Miss G. and Mrs. Wright, with Mr. Tuttle, going to meeting, and they were also going to Miss R.'s house. They got out of the carriage, and went to the house. I was much pleased to meet my dear old friend Mrs. Wright again. She has also got a kind heart towards all that she knows. I thank God that He lets me have so many pure and faithful friends. Won't it be beautiful when our days are over if we are found to be true. What happy life on the other shore we will have. We attended a Bible-class, which I, with the Lord above me, led to a success, and it was an interesting one.

In the afternoon Miss G. took us a walk to George hill, and shewed us three large rocks, about three feet apart, and the place where poor Mrs. Rowlandson slept the first night after the severe attack and burning of her home by the Indians. We should be thankful that God lets us have so many peaceful hours now.

Respectfully,  
CHARLES N. KNIGHT.  
Worcester, Mass., Sept. 22, 1879.

## FOURTH OF JULY RACES.

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was advised to stop it. Most of those attending would neither patronize it nor have confidence in the board of managers. A few months ago the managers were made to resign their positions, and transact no business, because of their incompetency and unfaithfulness. They could not agree with each other in forwarding an object to promote the general welfare of the mute community. Two of the best re-unions, whose most enjoyable affairs most of the members and distinguished visitors are said to have been most highly delighted with, are those of 1870 and the present year, and were evidently productive of a high degree of pleasure and success. They were characterized by courtesy, decorum, and attention to parliamentary rules. All the members scattered over the country by rail to their respective homes, carrying with them the incidents of enjoyment and the reminiscences of school life in the early days of the institution and from its foundation up to its fiftieth anniversary. From the *Ohio State Journal* of August 6th, 1879, is copied the following proceedings: "The exercises of yesterday morning were opened with prayer by G. O. Fay, superintendent.

The committee on the Horatio N. Hubbell memorial, through its chairman, R. P. McGregor, made their report, stating their inability to collect the amount needed for the memorial for various reasons, and referred the matter back to the association, as to whether the committee should go on and secure subscriptions or lay the whole matter on the table. After a discussion of the subject, in which those favoring a portrait predominated, it was agreed that a marble bust was expensive, and it was decided that portrait be secured. Mr. McGregor offered the following resolution, which was passed:

*Resolved*, That the money now in the hands of the treasurer of the Hubbell memorial fund contributed for a bust be returned to the subscribers, and another committee of five be appointed to solicit subscriptions for a painting of Mr. Hubbell.

The committee consists of the following persons: Messrs. S. M. Freeman, Emory Shoop, Elias Myers, Joseph Berry, and Miss Belinda Maginnis.

Messrs. Freeman, Anthoni, and Fancher were appointed a committee on resolutions.

On motion of Mr. C. M. Rice the following were appointed a committee on an exhibition for the next re-union: Messrs. Shoop, Crandon, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Miss Maginnis, and Mrs. J. M. Park.

Mr. Greener, from the committee on revision of the constitution and by-laws of the association, made a report, which, after slight amendments, was adopted. The most important change made in the constitution was the substitution of an executive committee of the members for the board of managers. The committee has the same powers as the managers had.

A recess was then taken till 2 o'clock p. m.

Upon re-assembling in the afternoon Mr. Samuel M. Freeman, from the committee on resolutions, reported resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, expressing the thanks of the association to the board of trustees, Superintendent G. O. Fay, and other officers of the institution for their kindness and courtesy in making the members pleasant and comfortable during their visit; to Superintendent Fay for his eloquent and interesting oration delivered before the association; to the president for the able manner in which he presided over the sessions of the association; to Superintendent Fay, Dr. Gallaudet, and Rev. A. W. Mann, for their entertainments and addresses.

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Christian Gentleness.

GENTLENESS is love in society; it is love holding intercourse with those around it. It is that cordiality of aspect, and that soul of speech, which assure us that kind and earnest hearts may still be met with here below. It is that influence which, like the scented flame of an alabaster lamp, fills many a home with light and warmth and fragrance altogether. It is the carpet, soft and deep, which, from many a beloved form, wards off at once the summer's glow and the winter's wind. It is the pillow on which sickness lays its head, and forgets half its misery, and to which death comes in a balmier dream. It is considerateness. It is tenderness of feeling. It is warmth of affection. It is promptitude of sympathy. It is love in all its depths and all its delicacy. It is everything included in that matchless grace, the gentleness of Christ.

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## SUNDAY READING.

**O, HEART, BE STRONG.**  
Be strong to hope, O heart!  
Though day is bright,  
The stars can only shine  
In the dark night.  
Be strong, O heart!  
Look to the light.  
Be strong to bear, O heart!  
Nothing is vain.  
Strive on, though life is care,  
And God sends pain,  
Heaven is above, and there  
Rest will remain.  
Be strong to love, O heart!  
Love knows not wrong;  
Didst thou love creatures even,  
Life were not long;  
Didst thou love God in heaven  
Thou wouldest be strong.  
**Sympathy.**

WHAT a sweet, tender emotion is sympathy! How important, how really necessary it is to our happiness in this life; and yet how very dwarf and meagre we find its proportions in the world! We seem so wrapped up in self, so reserved in our intercourse with the outside world, that life to us loses half the sweetness which more compassionate natures might enjoy.

Noticeably we see this tender tie lacking between parents and children. Parents seem, in growing old, to have grown away from the toils and triumphs, hopes and fears, of their early days. They seem to have forgotten how precious to them were father's and mother's kindly words of advice or encouragement; and by reason of this a coldness, a sort of disinterestedness in each other's plans springing up, which is painful to behold and still more so to experience. Then these same parents will wonder why their children talk so much more freely with their acquaintances than with them, and why it is that they never interest them about their enjoyments, when the real cause is, they never interest themselves in their plans nor encourage them to speak of them; and as a natural consequence (for we all know that all classes of humanity crave sympathy) they are driven out into the world to seek that which above all other things should be found at home.

Not less important than this is what is termed Christian sympathy, an emotion which is a strong pillar in that greatest of Christian graces, charity. What earthly thing can be sweeter to the young Christian (or any other) than the heart-felt sympathy of those who are traveling the same road with them; who are, or have been, battling with the same sort of trials and temptations, and are capable, consequently, of feeling for them as others can not.

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—A leading manufacturer in Sheffield, Eng., offered any of his men fifty pounds sterling to produce as good a pair of shears as the American. The offer was not accepted, and now the American make is acknowledged in Sheffield to be far superior to the English.

—Flax culture is rapidly becoming one of the leading products of Northwestern Iowa, supplying the mills of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois with seed. It yields from ten to twenty bushels to the acre, is harvested with but little expense, and finds a ready market.

—A Constantinople despatch says the insurrection in Kurdistan has not been quelled. Two powerful tribes have joined Adullah with 12,000 men. The commanders of Erzeroum and Bagdad have been ordered to send all available troops to Mosul. It is feared that the Persian Turcomans will join the insurgents.

—The twenty-second anniversary of the Fulton street prayer-meeting, of New York, was commemorated at noon September 23d by services in the Mid-Dutch Church, in which the Revs. Drs. E. P. Rogers, C. H. Baker, Robert B. Hull, S. A. Ort, Ireneus Prime, and C. N. Sims, Professor Edward Payson Thwing, and Messrs. S. B. Schyffelin and C. W. King took part.

—The one hundred miles of pipe from Corryville to Williamsport, Pa., is six inches in diameter, and holds 28,000 barrels of oil. The fall is 2,100 feet, and the oil is forced into the pipe by great engines, the fluid passing through the pipe at the rate of something over a mile an hour, flowing into the receiving tank at the rate of 6,000 barrels a day.

TEN THOUSAND SHEEP LOST.

[From the *Austin Reveille*, Sept. 4.]

H. F. Beecher, a son of Henry Ward Beecher, went to Eureka, Nev., last week in charge of sheep belonging to General Beech, which changed owners at the Willows. He informed the *Sentinel* that when he left Kern county, Cal., there were seven bands of sheep, aggregating 18,600, and on Sunday noon when the band left the Willows they aggregated but 8,533, showing a loss of 10,067 sheep on the trip.

The most of this number were lost on the Alida desert, over which they traveled for eight days and nights, finding no water for the animals. The distance traveled was about 600 miles, and the time consumed about three months. General Beech was offered \$15,000 for the entire number at Independence, which was only 250 miles from the rancho. He refused the offer, and the result is that after untold hardships he is a loser to the amount of several thousand dollars.

His reason for refusing all offers, was because he had been promised \$2.50 per head for every one delivered at Salt Lake, and had he succeeded in getting through with only an average loss, it would have proved a profitable speculation.

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